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UNUSUAL RIVER SHIPMENTS BY BELLE VERNON PLANT

An important but very unusual shipment from the Monongahela Valley will be made this week from the American Window Glass Company's works at Belle Vernon. The consignment will consist of 8,000 boxes containing 400,000 feet of window glass valued at $16,000. This cargo is consigned to the Campbell Paint and Glass Co., of New Orleans and is the first shipment of the kind made directly by water, probably for many years, and if successful others may be made to many other points along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

This shipment of glass is being made on the River combine's large model barge "No 26" which arrived today from the Donora mills, owned and operated by the United Steel Corporation, which had on board a large consignment of wire and nails, also consigned to southern markets and is in itself a very valuable cargo. With the additional of $16,000 worth of window glass it will be one of the most important river shipments of miscelaneous products ever moved from the valley at one time. W. M. Dravo, superintendent of the American Window glass plant of Belle Vernon said in an interview this morning. "We are making this shipment of window glass from our works at Belle Vernon for a two fold purpose, largely as an experiment first as to safety in shipments in bulk cargoes. We think the loss from breakage will be largely in our favor. Second, the consignment by river will be largely in our favor as to shipping rates and expense from freight charges and demurerage usually incurred from shipments by rail." If this venture proves successful, Mr. Dravo says that the company expects to ship largely in the future by river to Cincinnati, Louisville, Cairo and St. Louis. When asked as to what he thought of the "On to Cairo" movement which by canalizing the Ohio river to a nine foot stage of water by locks and dams. Mr. Dravo said it would be very largely in favor of all shipments from Pittsburg and the mills located on the Monongahela river and who lives to see it will find the shipments then made by river greatly in excess of these of the present time.

WEARY WILLIE TRIO CHASED OUT OF TOWN

With Crippled Hands, Sores Inflamed With Lye, Were Begging.

Three Weary Willies, all young fellows, came to Charleroi yesterday, for the purpose of working this field for what cash they could scare up, but their little game was interrupted by the police. After spending a few hours in the city repository they were discharged with the agreement that they would move faster in getting out of town than they ever did in getting in.

The three gave their names as John McKeanon, William Young, and Henry Krese, the former claiming to have been an engineer, the second named a steel worker and the latter a miner. McKeanon had two fingers from the right hand off and by the use of Red Seal Lye and a grease had made the wound a terrible looking sight. Kress' left hand was crippled and had been treated in the same manner as his pal's. Young's hand was also fixed up until it seemed that he was suffering untold agony.

DIRECTORS MEET AND TALK OVER Y. M. C. A. MATTER

Resolution Regarding Closing Published As Stated At Previous Meeting.

In order to remove any misunderstanding that may have arisen as to the temporary suspension of the Y. M. C. A., a meeting of the Directors and active members was held last evening at the Y. M C. A. rooms and the following resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Directors on Friday evening, May 29, 1908, was ordered published:

"Motion made by Mr. William Gelder and seconded by Mr. Charles Steel, "To close the Y. M. C. A. for an indefinite period and to appoint a committee to attend to all the business of the Association which includes the notifying of the Odd Fellows lodge that the Association is through with the use of the building, May 29, 1908. Also to take charge of the pledges and to dispose of the furniture and fixtures belonging to the Association to the best advantage financially."

A rising vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Favorable—J. K. Johnson, Dr. McKay, J. W. Cornell, E. J. Charles, William Gelder, Charles Steele, and H. J. Gehring.

Against—Joseph Kenyon.

The following committee to act in accordance with the resolution was appointed:—J. K. Johnson, Chairman, R. Dale Jolliffe, Charles Steel, J. W. Cornell, William Gelder, and H. J. Gehring.

A full statement of the finances was made at last night's meeting. J. K. Johnson and Charles Steele tendered their resignations as members of the board, but owing to the meeting not being a regular one were not accepted.

Surveys Being Made.

Engineers are rapidly progressing with the survey of the route of the Finleyville Southern Street Railway company, which leads from Finleyville directly south to Waynesburg. This road, which begins at Finleyville, will run through Hackett and Venetia, thence to Muntown, down little Mingo to Kammerer, down Pigeon creek valley to Bentleyville, through Ellsworth, Scenery Hill, Zollarsville, Clarksville, Jefferson and thence to Waynesburg. From Virginia Junction to Bentleyville the road follows the grade of the old Pittsburg Southern railroad, which was surveyed and graded over thirty years ago.

To Hold Festival.

The Charleroi Fife and Drum band at a meeting last night elected Felix Rossomine musical director of their organization. The boys will hold a festival Wednesday evening in the Fleming Building. Tickets are 15 cents.

SUES BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD FOR LARGE SUM

The present term of common pleas court is drawing to a close. But one case remains on the list to be tried at this term. That will be taken up this afternoon after which all the jurors not in service will be excused. Twelve cases in which the Pennsylvania, Monongahela and Southern Railroad company is the defendant were continued yesterday to the next term.

In Judge McIlvaine's court now on trial the case of G. G. Guthrie and wife against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, an action to recover $50,000 damages for the death of a little son and serious injury to Mrs. Guthrie in an accident at the Claysville crossing last summer. It was the same accident in which Roy Blaney was killed and for whose death a suit for damages was tried in Judge McIlvaine's court last week.

The case now on trial is expected to be a long and tedious one. Many witnesses are to be examined on each side. Attorney T. F. Birch represents the plaintiff and Norman E. Clark the defendant company.

The case of Charles Sheafsky against the Borough of Donora, which was taken up in Judge J. F. Taylor's court Friday, was finished yesterday. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,125. This was an action to recover damages for a change of grade in front of two lots owned by Sheafsky in Eighth street.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Lizzie Caldwell against John L. Cockins, guradian of Nancy Guthrie, deceased, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $3,000, the full amount of the claim. The action was to test the validity of a note alleged given by Miss Guthrie to Mrs. Caldwell for maintenance and care. The defense was that Miss Guthrie was a weak minded person and incapable of transacting business. The trial occupied several days and attracted considerable interest.

In motion and rule court the following was an item disposed of. First National Bank of Charleroi, et al., vs. Robinson Mactine company—Permission granted to settle claim of Robinson Machine company against the Washington Fuel company for $125 clear of all charges.

CHARLEROI GIRL TO GO ON STAGE NEXT SEASON

Miss Blanche Babbitt who resigned her position as soprano soloist at the Oakland Methodist Episcopal church, Wilkinsburg, recently, has announced her intention of going on the stage next season.

To this end she has gone to New York where she is studying under Carl Brenneman. She has been also, a pupil of Richard Knotts, of Pittsburg, with whom she studied for three years. Miss Babbitt has a fine voice, of great range, fitted for light opera, in which she expects to be engaged. She is but nineteen years of age.

The Babbitt family which resided in Charleroi until last summer when they moved to Wilkinsburg. Mr. Babbitt, the father of Miss Blanche remaining here however until very recently when they moved to New York. The people of Charleroi are glad to know of Miss Babbitt's progress.

FIVE FINED FOR SUNDAY FIGHTING

As the result of the wedding and subsequent fight Sunday on Oakland avenue, in which one was cut in the head, several were fined by the burgess last night at a hearing Carl Velliksy, who did the cutting was taxed $5.30 and costs; Steve Springis, was fined $3.85 for breaking the Sabbath laws. George Walsanky $5 and costs for fighting; John Rusubt rese, $4.85 for fighting and Constutius Juiszis $3.85 for fighting.

Notice to Contractors.

The West Pike Run School Board will receive bids for the erection of a new school house at McGinn's until 6 o'clock, Saturday June 27, 1908. Plans and specifications can be seen at either the President's or Secretarie's office. Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of board.

Pres. L. N. Morris,
Coal Centre, R. D. 1.
Secy. J. E. Phillips,
265-11t Bentleyville, Star Route.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES AT WASHINGTON

At Washington and Jefferson gymnasium yesterday afternoon the class day exercises were held. Guy Moffitt of Charleroi was master of ceremonies.

The historic four-foot pewter spoon was transferred from the senior class to the coming fourth-year students by George M. VanKirk of Washington, spoon orator. Wilbur H. Baker of Washington Court House, O., class president, accepted it for the class of 1909. Others on the program were: Orator, Delmont Ferree, Pittsburg; knocker, Griffin, Washington; artist, Arthur M. Hartzell, Washington; prophet, Lawrence D. Strouse, Jr Glensbaw; donor, John C. Matteson, Washington, and last will and testament, Gilpin M. McCain. Kittatinning, last night in the main college building President James D. Moffat and Mrs. Moffat held their annual reception.

Governor Stuart at Chautauqua.

The inhabitants of Western Pennsylvania are greatly interested in the announcement thus made by Chautauqua Institution of the presence of Governor Edwin S. Stuart at Chautauqua on Wednesday, August 12, which is to be called "Pennsylvania Day." The Governor has just given a definite reply to the invitation which was made him some time ago. This week at Chautauqua will be particularly interesting to Pennsylvanians also because on Saturday, August 15, Mayor George W. Guthrie of Pittsburg is to deliver the afternoon address and in the morning Mr. Robert A. Woods, head of the South End House of Boston, is to speak upon the "Pittsburg Survey," that interesting investigation of social and industrial conditions in and about Pittsburg of which Mr. Woods has charge.

Among the speakers during the summer will be Dr. James D. Moffitt of Washington and Jefferson College.

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Read The Mail

ROBBED GARDEN NEAR CHARLEROI

The garden of Samuel Riggle in the cemetery ground is on the hill near the [boro was robbed last night, garden truck of all sorts being stolen and the premises being badly torn up.

Mr. Riggle came to Charleroi this morning and secured the bloodhound O'Hagan to see if anything could be done towards finding the burglars.

Carroll Board Acts.

The Carroll Township school board met last night and did considerable business among which was the extending of the school term from seven to eight months. The milage for the year was determined upon, six mills for school and one for building. A principal and corps of teachers will be elected at a later meeting.

Notice.

Dr. J. A. Peaslee, owing to continued bad health has found it necessary to go to Canada to recuperate. Any person or persons indebted to the above are requested to call at the office, 618 Fallowfield avenue, and settle at once.

264tl Mrs. J. A. Peaslee.

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Mrs. R. P. Claybaugh is spending a few days in Uniontown with her daughter Mrs. William Seaton.

BROWNSVILLE COLORED MINISTER IN JAIL

Rev. R. Wallace Christian of Brownsville, Connellsville and numerous other places, is now in durance vile again, after having given his bondsman a little scare.

At the last term of court in Fayette county Rev. Christian entered a plea of nolle contendere with the understanding that he was to appear in court on Monday, June 15, when he was to be called for sentence. At this time it was thought that he would get off with the payment of costs.

Following the notice to this effect last week, he went to Brownsville, where his actions seem to have alarmed his bondsman. It is said that Christian took his wife with him and on Saturday was in Sharon. This didn't look to the bondsman like Wallace was going to be in Uniontown on time. When Christian returned to Brownsville he was arrested. So Christian spent Sunday in jail. He denies that he was running away, and says he would have been there on time.

Christian will be remembered as the colored minister who solicited from the Cochrans at Dawson, and other generous people in other communities, funds to erect an institution at New Haven, for the American Resident and Correspondence Industrial school for colored people. Now, he is said to have received several thousand dollars, but as the school building didn't very rapidly materialize the contributors hereto, headed by Tax Collector Thomas Brown of Vanderbilt sued Christian for misapplying the funds. In court the matter was partly closed by his entering the nolle contendere.

To Visit Europe.

A party composed of Aeneas and William Coulson, George W. Hopton of Donora, and James Gilley, of Courtney, will leave June 19 for New York, to take passage the following day for Glasgow, Scotland. They have already booked accommodations on the steamship California. Their destination is New Castle-on-Tyne. They expect to be absent about eight weeks. It is just 29 years since Mr. Coulson and Mr. Hopton emigrated to America, although they did not come together.

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COMMENCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE NORMAL

The exercises of the commencement week at the California State Normal School, will begin with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, June 21, by Rev. W. Hamilton Spence, D. D., of Uniontown, Pa. At 4 p. m., Monday, Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," will be given in the Normal Chapel by a chorus of 150 voices under the direction of Prof. C. S. Cornell. Seventeen members of the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra will furnish the accompaniment. The soloists are Mrs. Agnes G. Kimble, of Indianapolis, Soprano; Mrs. Edith Harris Scott, of Pittsburg, Contralto; Mr. F. W. Cutter, of Pittsburg, Bass, and Mr. Alfred Shaw, of Chicago, Tenor. On Monday evening, the triennial reunion and banquet of the Alumni Association will take place. Senator W. E. Crow, of Uniontown, is president of the association. The large and fine new dining room of Dixon Hall will be used for the banquet. The Middle Class Play, "The Rivals," will be given on Tuesday forenoon, and the annual contest of the Clionian and Philomathean Literary Societies will occur in the evening. An interesting feature of the contest this year will be the music, furnished by the Cornell Male Chorus of fifty voices. The Commencement will take place Wednesday forenoon and the Class Day exercises Wednesday afternoon.

The year just closing has been the most prosperous in the history of the school. The enrollment of students in the Normal Department is 630 and in the practice Department 440, a total of 1070 students.

The new teachers for the coming year are H. B. Davis, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Superintendent of the Model School and professor of Psychology and Pedagogy; John L. Randall, of Clinton, Mass., High School, Professor of Science; W. A. Barber, Mitchell, S. Dak., head of Commercial Department and Margaret Craven, California, Pa., Training Teacher in the second grade.

The great advantage of the new regulations concerning the entrance of students to the Normal will at once be apparent to those who are well prepared to enter and who do not wish

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OBSTRUCTION IN RIVER RAISED BY SLACKWATER

The U. S. Steamer Slackwater yesterday removed the hidden obstruction at Monongahela which has caused some trouble and several accidents to the Coal fleet during the past week, not, however, until the steamer Vulcan had sunk two barges of coal on it while passing down on Sunday. The obstruction was the trunk of a large tree which proved very dangerous to passing boats and had been brought down from some mountain stream during one of the recent floods in the river. Captain Nutt with his force of skilled river men proved themselves equal to the emergency and no more trouble may be looked for at this point.

The coal and barges sunk by the Vulcan, owned by the Jones and Laughlin Co., can be raised without much loss. Capt Warren Elsey, superintendent for the company will have a force of men at work by tomorrow and the whole removed. What is considered the largest coal haulage system ever installed in the mining district of Pennsylvania is nearing completion at the Jones and Laughlin works, Vesta No 4, at California, and when completed will greatly add to the company's already large shipping capacity.

A meeting of the members of Harbor 25 was held yesterday at Pittsburg and nominations for officers for the ensuing term brought many new names to the front, with contestants named for nearly all the officers to be voted on. The nominations were as follows: President, J. D. Curtis, Thomas Flaherty; first vice president, Franklin Gilmore, G. Byron Foreman, John G. Brittan; second vice president, Walter Sanson, William McNally; secretary, A. R. Mackey, William P. Bottonfield, Lew E. Bradford; chaplain, H. J. McGuire, Joseph L. Moore; delegate to national Harbor, A. O. Ackert, T. T. Dunlevy, George W. Gibson; alternate A. R. Mackey, J. T. Kerr; trustee, Holmes Harger, J. W. R. Reno. The election will take place at the next regular meeting, June 29. Two new members were taken in, Capt. G. W. Thomas and Albert Haigh. J. M. Grace of the steamer Volunteer was reported sick at his home in Bellevue.

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June 16 In History.

1815—Napoleon defeated Blucher at Ligny, and the allies defeated Ney at Quatre Bras, both preliminary to Waterloo.

1900—Prince de Joinville, son of King Louis Philippe of France, who for a time served in the Army of the Potomac on the staff of General McClellan, died; born 1818.

1907—Russian duma dissolved by edict of the crown, 700 political arrests in St Petersburg

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 7.29, rises 4:24, moon rises 9:52 p. m.; moon's age 18 days; 4:18 p. m., moon at perigee, nearest earth, 8 a. m., planets Mercury and Mars in conjunction, possibly seen nearing western horizon together at twilight tonight.

Shorten The Telescope.

It is strange how long-sighted many people are. They can see destitution, misery famine, in India in China and in Africa, and if their statements are to be believed their hearts bleed at a recital of the stories of the conditions obtaining in those countries. But they cannot or will not see the same conditions right at their doors and they have neither alms nor pity for those distressed near their homes.

That is precisely the manner in which the Washington and Canonsburg papers view the liquor traffic in Washington county For unless "common report is a common liar" there is more liquor sold in Washington than in any of the river towns. Much people affirm that.

There is a drug store in Washington for about every three hundred people, a ridiculous proportion, and people do not hesitate to say that many of them are blind tigers, speak easies, pigs ears or whatever term you wish to apply to a place where liquor is illegitimately sold, Yet with these things right under their noses those papers overlook them and rail and rate the sale of liquor under legal conditions in the river towns.

There is a proverb about sweeping off your own doorstep, that would apply to those papers. Were they inspired by sincerity to abate the sale of liquor they would turn their attention first to the places right under their own eyes. But those papers are not sincere, neither have they any motives above personal and political spite a clear instance of which was the attack upon some hotels along the river while others were not included.

Those paper may undecieve themselves. The voters of Washington county fully understand the mean motives behind the sudden change of heart about the sale of liquor which those papers are pretending to have had and will prove it in November

The Courts and the District Attorney have a fine chance to do splendid service in the cause of temperance by making war upon the "drug stores" in Washington and their course will be watched with interest by many people.

Unfair Representation.

Secretary Taft will probably be the candidate for President upon the Republican ticket. But he will owe his nomination to the grossly unfair system of selecting delegates in the Southern States, which permits a delegate to be chosen who, in many instances, does not have two hundred Republican votes behind him. In fact in South Carolina and in Mississippi the delegates do not have one hundred and seventy-five votes on an average. To permit a State that does not cast as many votes for a Republican ticket as are cast in the Twenty-fourth Congressional District to send twenty-four delegates to a national convention is not only grossly unfair but has been the reason for some of the most unfragrant episodes in the party's history.

The unfair representation, has on several occasions been the means that thwarted the will of the great Republican States and caused to be nominated men whom the Republicans did not want notably Hayes, Garfield and Harrison.

The late Senator Quay tried twelve years ago to have the delegates from the south based upon the actual number of votes cast but did not succeed. Congressman Burke, of Pittsburg has renewed the fight and it is to be hoped will succeed, as no fair-minded man could object to having the national delegates selected upon the same system as state delegates are to state conventions, that is, based upon the actual number of votes cast.

Has No Denial

The Washington Observer has not denied the truth of the following questions printed in The Mail a short time ago. It may have overlooked them in its rush to unfurl its Standard of Spite so they are printed again:

1—Will it deny that it has entered into a pact with the Democrats whereby it will support the Democratic candidates for the Legislature if in return they will support an "independent" Republican of New Castle for Congress in place of Carl Gibson, "invalid?"

2—Will it deny that Mr. Gibson's "health" became shattered in compliance with such pact?

3—Will it deny that one provision of that pact is that, if elected, the Democratic candidates for the Legislature are to vote for an "independent" Republican for United States Senator in place of Penrose?

4 Will it deny that its attack upon the Republican county convention and its platform was part of the pact?

5—Will it deny that it is responsible for and paid part of the expenses incurred by the men going to Harrisburg to secure a place on the ballot for the "Majority Party?"

6—Will it deny that its attack upon some of the hotels in the Monongahela valley was part of that pact?

The Observer is very adroit in sidestepping matters not to its taste, but long before this campaign closes it is going to be made to see what a small figure it cuts with the voters of this county, a large majority of whom it stigmatizes as bums and boodlers.

Great Temerity.

Evidently the Republican State Delegation at Chicago rushed blindly into disaster when it selected Senator Penrose by an unanimous vote as a member of the National committee and chairman of the State delegation. Had those men but known that the Canonsburg Notes and the Washington Observer were "agin" Senator Penrose they would not have had the temerity to push him into such prominent places.

But the mischief has been done and the poor, little Republican party in Pennsylvania must suffer from the consequences as the two papers will now take the offensive and proceed to rend the party into bits.

It is said to contemplate and "if you have tears prepare to shed them now."

Not Fatal.

An "undigested dictionary" in a person's system does no particular harm but a case of drugstoreitis that greatly afflicts some of the editors in Washington borough makes a hurry call for mental ambulance imperiative.

THE COUNTRY BANKER.

His Influence on National Finance During Crop Harvesting.

Enter the small town for almost any purpose—to sell books, to seek a location, to look up land titles, to write life insurance, to get a news story, to collect a debt—and early in your visit you will go to the ornate, imposing building on the corner of the two busiest streets. You will pass a lattice crowned counter and be admitted to a room large enough only to hold a desk and two chairs. There you will come face to face with the town's financier, the Pierpont Morgan of the community, the banker. Not an enterprise, not a considerable business undertaking, is started without consultation with him. The man who sells a farm and wishes to put his money where it will earn interest goes to the banker. The widow with a few thousand dollars of life insurance—more money than she ever saw together in all her life before—asks the banker how to invest it. It would be better if more of this class would take the banker's advice when it is given. Then there is the merchant who owes for a large portion of his goods. He comes nervously asking if the bank will "see him through" the dull season. The banker gives assent to one, explains to another, refuses a third and comes at last to read unconsciously the business record of every man he meets on the street.

The country banker exerts his greatest influence on national finance during the crop harvesting season. Whether it be in the gathering of fruit in California, of cotton in the south or of wheat in the plains region, the banker comes in direct touch with the worker.

Take the wheat harvest as covering the widest area and creating the most intense demand during its existence. In a single state 20,000 harvesters are needed besides those already at work on the farms. Through the labor bureaus and railway departments whole train loads of workers are secured from states at a distance. These helpers are mostly itinerants, and they have no local standing A grain raiser went among his laborers one Saturday night and, asking their names, proceeded to make out checks for the week's work.

"What shall we do with them?" asked one.

"Cash them at the bank, of course."

"Who will identify us?"

The employer saw the point, tore up the checks and secured currency with which to pay the men. That made a demand on the bank. Scores of other farmers were doing the same thing. Hundreds of other communities did it. The result is that the country bankers draw millions of dollars from the "reserve centers" every harvest and to some degree change national financial currents thereby.—C. M. Harger in Atlantic Monthly.

Helping the Postoffice.

"It is surprising," said a postoffice employee, "how many people there are who think they know better than the postal authorities the most direct way for a letter to reach its destination. It is quite common for us to handle mail that has instructions in regard to speedy delivery written in one corner of the envelope. Not only are we directed to send domestic mail by a certain railroad or steamboat line, but the route by which the writers wish foreign bound letters to travel is also designated. These instructions frequently denote a lamentable ignorance of transportation facilities on the part of the writers. If they were obeyed the delivery of the letters would be delayed rather than expedited Fortunately such directions are disregarded by the postal authorities unless they happen to coincide with the government's arrangements for handling mail, so nobody is inconvenienced except the clerks who read the unnecessary advice."—New York Sun.

Mother

At a mothers' meeting a young woman recounted with some pride a number of proverbs about mothers.

"'It's easier for a poor mother to keep seven children than for seven children to keep a mother.' That sad and striking proverb," she said, "is from the Swiss.

"'A mother's love is new every day.' 'He who will not mind his mother will some day have to mind the jailer.' 'Better lose a rich father than a poor mother.' 'A father's love is only knee deep, but a mother's reaches to the heart.' Those proverbs are all German.

"The Hindoos say poetically, 'Mother mine, ever mine, whether I be rich or poor.'

"The Venetians say: 'Mother! He who has one calls her. He who has none misses her.'

"The Bohemians say, 'A mother's hand is soft even when it strikes.'

"The Lithuanians say, 'Mother means martyr.'"

Novelty In Cement Wall.

There is a wall of cement in Los Angeles which shores up one side of a building lot that has an artistic value never intended by the builder He had moved his bags of cement on to the ground to be ready for work and was then called away on some other job for a day or two. In the meantime one of the very infrequent rains came on, and each sack turned into stone under the action of the water, and the fabric of the sacks themselves was absorbed into the cement so that it was impossible to remove it. Consequently each sack was wrought into the wall as if it had been a bowlder on the line of an old stone wall. They were then chinked and bound together with worked cement, and after a time the weather disposed of the gunny sacking, but left the blocks marked with the impress of the weave. The result is a highly ornamental cement wall, resembling at a little distance a wall of some woven material.

P. & W. Va. League

Standing of the Clubs.

	W	L	Pct.
Uniontown	22	13	.629
Charleroi	19	14	.576
Clarksburg	21	19	.525
Fairmont	19	22	.463
Connellsville	13	18	.419
Scottdale	12	20	.375

Yesterday's Results.

All games postponed, Rain.

Games Today

Uniontown at Charleroi
Scottdale at Connellsville
Fairmont at Clarksburg

HORSES ARE FOUND MILES FROM HOME

The two horses belonging to John Herrirons, the Speers mail carrier were found on Saturday evening about seven miles from home on the Malden road. It is thought that the burglars turned them loose near the place they were found.

Porch social at residence of W. C. Clark, 411 Meadow avenue, by ladies of First Presbyterian church Thursday evening. All are cordially invited. 261t2

Mr. John Riha, of Vining, Ia., says, "I have been selling DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills for about a year and they give better satisfaction than any pill ever sold." Sold by Piper Bros. eod

How to Guess Any Number.

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On What Their Fate Depended.

During the week certain members of the Scotch minister's flock had been paying overmuch attention to sampling the local whisky, and the minister took advantage of his position in the pulpit to administer gentle reproof. "An' I tell ye, one an' all, ye're on the way to perdeection!" he cried. At that moment a fly settled on the Bible before him He raised his fist. "We're gaein' the hell!" he shouted. "An' ye'll all get there, just sae sure as—sae sure as I ding the life out o' this fleer!" His fist crashed down as he uttered the words. Then he looked to see the result of his handiwork. "Missed!" he ejaculated. "Ah, weel, maybe there's a chance for some o' ye yet."—London Bellman.

The Wrestler's Pride.

In olden times a wrestler who had won a belt used to go to his village church on the following Sunday wearing the belt. On the Sunday following that he went to some neighboring church in his belt and claimed precedence over the other young fellows. Nearly all the champions were men great in girth and weight. Old Steadman, accounted by many the most powerful wrestler ever known, was twenty stone weight. — Manchester Guardian.

How the Dutch Eat.

A Dutch meal is always reminiscent of a game of cards, for the mother deals out all round the table, and when that first hand is played out she deals afresh, and so on until the dish is empty. There is no promiscuous serving, as with us, and the quick feeder (if such a person could exist in leisurely Holland) reaps no advantage. If meals are to be likened to games of cards, our meals in Dutch eyes must look like games of "grab."—London Queen.

Where Red Hair Is Disliked.

In Cornwall, particularly the Land's End district, it is not advisable to dub a person "a red haired Dane," though in most parts of England, especially inland, the expression would as likely as not provoke no comment at all or be regarded as simply frivolous.

At a police court case heard in 1867 at Penzance town hall it came out in evidence that the defendant had called the complainant "a red haired Dane," and this led to an assault. The strong repugnance of Cornishmen to be dubbed by this strange appellation is as strong as ever.

The Celtic nations hated the Danes and were always fighting them. And not only in Cornwall, but also all along our coasts, where the Danes or Norsemen made their ravages, this deep rooted prejudice against people with red hair, "red headed," more or less remains ingrained in the national character.—J. Harris Stone in "The English Illustrated."

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It is the common impression that everybody who can talk and hear can use the telephone. In a sense that is true. But, in this matter, as in nearly every other act, there is a right way and a wrong way to do it.

As telephones are usually located in the household and in most business places where others can hear what one of the parties is saying, they can become a source of great confusion and exasperation if the user falls into the error of supposing that it is necessary for him to raise his voice to be heard at the other end of line, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. Some are so foolish as even to yell at the transmitter, and as that confuses the sound waves the listner wants a sentence repeated Then the speaker, instead of lowering his voice, yells still louder, under the impression that more force is needed.

All this should be obvious to every intelligent person who gives a minute's thought to it; but as a matter of fact, men, and sometimes women, will go on yelling and screaming into telephones right along, never stopping to inquire if there is not a better way.

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The art of doing this can be acquired, but not without thought and some effort at self-suppression. In view of the general use of the telephone and its approximate universality some attention should be given to this matter in the training of children and young people. It doesnt' belong to schools, however. They have too many subjects that do not belong to them on their hands now, and elimination rather than accumulation, is what is demaunded in them.

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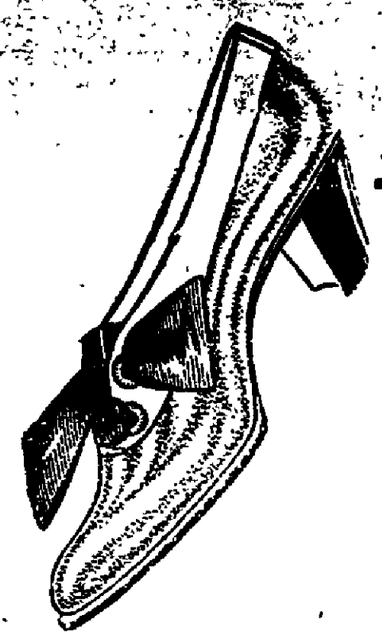
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NANNIE'S PICTURE.

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"She's coming tomorrow," announced Billy Singleton. Tom Harvard smiled. "She" could be none other than his "picture girl," as he had learned to call her, and ever since he had arrived at Glenoak, Harvard had been lost in day dreams, in which "the picture girl" was ever the central figure.

It was Harvard's first visit to the Singleton place, named Glenoak, and for the first time he had seen the results of Mrs. Singleton's artistic skill with a camera.

That hospitable matron had more than a passing fad for photography and in a well equipped studio in the back yard had turned out many prize winning pictures. The most successful had been of "the picture girl," otherwise Nannie Prescott, Mrs. Singleton's niece.

It had been taken some years before and showed a child with a soul that shone through the thick lashed eyes. The small, sensitive mouth, delicate molding of the chin, the perfect oval of the face and the high white brow all combined to make a picture almost perfect, yet Harvard seemed to see only the eyes, with their inscrutable questioning of the life just beginning to unfold.

Singleton had surprised Harvard before the picture half a dozen times, and Harvard writhed at the jests his chum made about his infatuation for the photograph, but even Mrs. Singleton's assurance that the original now looked vastly different from the big eyed girl of the picture did not abate his interest in the handsome carbon print.

"Nan has a scandalous fondness for pickled pig's feet," went on Singleton, lest Harvard's joy should grow too great. "You never saw an ideal with an appetite, did you, Tom?"

He dodged the book Harvard threw at his head and stepped out through the French windows on to the porch still chuckling over the fun he anticipated having.

It was Singleton who drove to the station to meet Miss Prescott and who



"I'LL HAVE IT EASIER IN A JIFFY," DECLARED HARVARD.

basely betrayed Harvard's passion to the girl who shared his seat in the dogcart.

"It's not you," explained Singleton, with brutal frankness; "it's the picture that he's in love with. I'll bet when he sees what a plump and husky person you've grown to be he'll decide to stick to the picture."

There was much more to the same effect, and so it came to pass that when the introduction was accomplished on the Singleton porch and Harvard guarded his expression from any betraying glance of gratification Miss Prescott decided that this man who loved her picture and was disappointed in the original was a very unpleasant person whose presence at Glenoak would make her vacation a miserable one indeed.

Mrs. Singleton endeavored tactfully to counteract the effect of her son's disclosures, but Nannie resented even this well meant effort. It was intolerable to her that they should suppose she cared in the least what Mr. Harvard thought of her.

If he was disappointed that the angles of fourteen had rounded into the curves of nineteen it was no concern of hers, and to show how little she cared she devoted herself industriously to snubbing poor Harvard at every possible opportunity.

And Harvard, manlike, suffered keenly from the treatment and went about saying savage things to and of Billy, and he looked no more than he could help either at the picture or Miss Prescott herself.

So matters continued for nearly a month, when a business letter gave Harvard a welcome excuse for quitting the field of defeat. He had longed to retire, but he would not retreat ignominiously and without excuse.

He managed to slip away from the house without being detected by his watchful chum and made his way toward a glen from which Glenoak took its name. He would have a farewell quiet hour. It was a favorite resort of his, and he climbed up the cool shades toward the falls at the head of the glen.

He was nearly at the falls when a flutter of white caught his eye. He half turned to retrace his steps, for he had recognized Nannie, and he was not minded to have his last day of vacation made more bitter by the girl's sharp speeches. But as he turned she called his name, and he hurried forward.

"I'm sorry to bother you," she said, half defiantly, half in appeal. "I slipped on the wet rocks and I have sprained my ankle."

"How long have you been here?" he demanded. "You were not at lunch."

"It was hours ago," she said, with a wan little smile. "I came about 11, I guess, and it was not long after that I slipped."

With a word of sympathy Harvard knelt to examine the injured member. Already the swelling was great, and the girl had felt too faint to remove the stout shoe she wore. With tender hands Harvard cut the laces, and Nannie gave a sigh of relief as the shoe was slipped off.

"I'll have it easier in a jiffy," declared Harvard, slipping off his coat and with his knife cutting out the sleeve of his shirt for a bandage. "A little cold water will help the fever until we can get back to the house."

"I suppose you'll have to go for help," she said faintly. The idea of being left alone again terrified her.

"Help! Not a bit of it," declared Harvard. "It's a short mile to the house. I can carry you easily with an occasional rest. Even with the rest it will not be as long as though I were to go back to the house for assistance."

"But you said I was so fat," reminded Nannie.

Harvard looked up with sudden interest.

"And may I ask who told you that?" he asked. "It was Billy," he added as he saw the girl's confusion. "I dare say that Billy has been crediting me with all sorts of nonsensical and uncomplimentary remarks."

"He only said you—you were disappointed," she declared, "and some little things like that."

"I don't call that a 'little thing' at all," insisted Harvard, "and, moreover, I never said it."

"But you frowned the moment you saw me," reminded Nannie. "You did, because I was watching you."

"Then it was a matter of interest to you what my opinion might be?" he asked. "I thought you had said that you did not care."

"Billy told you that?" she asked meaningly. Harvard nodded.

"You see," she went on, "that miserable picture has been my Nemesis. I was a little slip of a girl, and just after Aunt Bess made that picture I began to grow—to stretch up and out," as Billy expressed it. For the last four years people have been commenting upon my changed appearance until I have grown to loathe the very sight of the dreadful photograph."

"Do you know," said Harvard reflectively, "I never noticed whether you were plump or slender in the picture."

"You must have," insisted Nannie. "Don't be afraid to confess. It's all right. I guess I'm getting hardened to comment."

"But I really didn't," insisted Harvard. "I saw only the eyes, with their glorious promise of womanhood. In them I am not disappointed. For the rest I made no comparisons, and—you are perfect as you are."

The girl's eyes glowed with pleasure, but her voice was cool and even as she spoke.

"Billy says that they are pop eyes," she said reminiscently. "Do you think they are?"

"They are the most beautiful eyes in the world," declared Harvard fervently. "They are more beautiful than in the picture. Nannie, dear, can't we stop playing at cross purposes? I loved you before I even saw you. I loved the woman those eyes told me you would be, but they did not tell half the truth. I don't care about the picture—now—but may I have the original, dear?"

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Curing a Fish.

A curious experiment was tried a short time ago to determine the brain power of the pike. One of these voracious fish was placed in a tank with some minnows with glass partitions separating the one from the other. The pike for three months made fruitless attempts to catch the minnows, repeatedly dashing its nose against the glass. At last, having come to the conclusion that its efforts were of no use, it finally discontinued them. The glass was then removed, but the idea firmly established in the pike never became disestablished, for it never afterward attacked the minnows, though it fed voraciously on all other kinds of fish.—London Telegraph.

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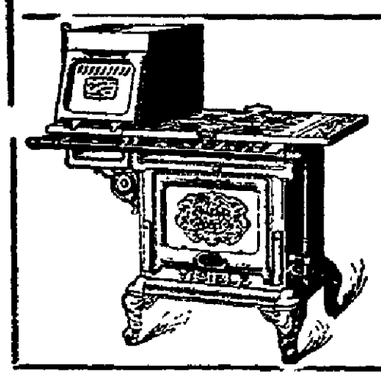
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Changing First Impressions.

By LULU JOHNSON.

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Until Nettie joined the Moonlight Maiden company Dick Grantley had never given a derogatory thought to his padded stomach and his chin beard. They were simply parts of his funny makeup, like the great grease paint and the long haired wig which completed his resemblance to the German character type found only upon the stage.

In fact, Grantley had been rather proud of his makeup. There were certain little tricks and artifices which the other comedians did not seem to know and which completed his ludicrous appearance. Grantley rarely left the dressing room without taking a self satisfied glance at himself in the mirror.

But Nettie's coming had changed all that. A score of chorus girls had come and gone since the company had opened, and their presence or absence had not affected Grantley at all. As the comedian he was not called for the rehearsals held for the benefit of the new girls. The stage manager drilled them in their songs and dances, and it was not always that Grantley noted a new face in the chorus ranks.

But Nettie Bladen was different from the rest. She was an ambitious girl, with a desire to take her place some day among the principals. Her fresh young voice rang true to key, and she did not go through her work with the mechanical dullness displayed by the other girls. Grantley, coming on the stage for his first entrance, glanced up and down the chorus line to discover the identity of the girl whose clear soprano held the others together.

As they were waiting for the next big entrance Grantley spoke to Nettie. He uttered only a few words of self introduction and a bald remark in praise of her voice, but in so doing he stammered like a schoolboy, glad that the heavy coat of paint hid his blushes. Even in that brief moment he had fallen in love, and love was a new sensation to the comedian.

Nettie smiled her thanks and then rushed off with the other girls, leaving Grantley to follow more slowly, as his part demanded.

Even the other members of the cast who usually were intent only upon their own work, noticed that Grantley tonight was exerting himself to do his best, and various were the speculations as to the cause. Perhaps he had a friend "out front." This was the easiest and therefore the accepted solution.

But Grantley knew he was playing to the new chorus girl, while Nettie was spending every moment she could spare from her changes of costume in watching the show that she never would see in its entirety. Once or twice a suppressed laugh from the wings meant more to Grantley than the roar of applause from the audience, and as they were all waiting for the last act curtain he turned to the new girl.

"What do you think of the show?" he demanded.

"It's splendid," was the enthusiastic response. "I think you ought to be on Broadway with a theater of your own."

"Thinking that has spoiled a lot of good men," answered Grantley, with a shake of the head, but he was none the less pleased with her praise, and there was a warm glow about his heart the rest of the evening.

After that Grantley saw much of "the newest girl," as the others called her. There were several moments in the play when they stood on the same side of the stage waiting for cues, and it was always to Nettie that Grantley directed his conversation, though the other actors crowded around, enjoying the fun. Grantley, for all he headed a cheap company, was a comedian at heart as well as by training, and he could give a humorous twist to the most serious of statements.

Though they became fast friends, weeks passed before Grantley put his fate to test. They were making a long railroad jump, and Grantley, passing through the day coach given over to the chorus, dropped into the seat beside Nettie, whose chum, Bessie Nevins, was restlessly pacing the aisle.

"It's a funny place for a proposal," he said abruptly, "but there is such a racket in the car that no one can hear what the others are saying. Besides, you won't give a fellow a chance to catch you without that everlasting Bessie Nevins along. I love you, Nettie, and I want you to marry me. Will you, dear?"

The girl's face grew troubled, and she put her hand upon his for an instant.

"I'm sorry you asked me," she said softly. "I am sorry to hurt you. It was for that reason that I—that I have stuck so close to Bessie."

"Then you don't care?" he demanded.

"In a way, yes," she began. "But I am sensitive to first impressions, and somehow I can't look at you without recalling that property stomach and the absurd chin whiskers. You have been awfully good, but—oh, I can't love—a—funny man."

"But I didn't suppose you thought I was always a fool. Look at that foolish house right there on top of that hill. Think what it must mean to live there all winter. It's all right in the summer time; but, oh—oh—in the winter time!"

Nettie glanced at him quickly. She could not understand his abrupt change of subject, and she concluded that she had not hurt him very much, since he so soon forgot, which was exactly Grantley's purpose. But from that moment he hated the padded stomach and the false hair which were his bread and butter.

He made no attempt to reopen the discussion, and the weeks went past rapidly with no apparent change in their friendly relations. Nettie did not dream that beneath his fun Grantley nursed the sorrow she had caused and that only in the watches of the night did he give way to feelings none the less poignant because so successfully concealed.

Then came the lesson the girl needed. They were playing a small theater in a week of one night stands. At the matinee some gas tanks used for color effects thrown up from beneath the stage in the last act exploded as the operator tried to start them up. He was the company's electrician and unaccustomed to handling calcium lights. An incorrect mixture of the gases, followed by a momentary panic of the man, and the damage was done. Flames burst through the traps to the stage, the dust on the fireproofed scenery carried the fire to the rigging aloft, and the place was ablaze. It only remained for the stage hands to drop the fire curtain, cut the skylight ropes and then make for safety.

Once the skylights were opened the draft drew the flames up to the roof and away from the auditorium; but, though this saved the audience, it meant death for the girls who were dressing on the top floor. The small theater was insufficiently supplied with dressing rooms, and the chorus was herded in an unfinished loft above the auditorium, usually given over to the storage of odds and ends. With the skylights open they were trapped.

With no thought for himself, Grantley sped up the narrow iron stairway leading to the loft. Behind him the stage was a mass of flames. So he drove back the few girls who were trying to make their way down the stairs. Most of the chorus were too terrified to attempt to escape, but as Grantley burst into the room they rose to their feet, wild with hysteria.

"The roof's the only chance!" cried Grantley as he pointed to the iron ladder leading to the skylight. "Until the flames spread there is safety in the front of the building. Hurry up, girls!"

He drove them up the narrow passageway, and as he stood at the foot of the ladder he encouraged them with his voice, relieving the tension by joking. He was the last through the skylight, and it was Nettie who helped him through.

Already the rear of the roof was blazing, but the front was still safe, and on one side there was a drop of a dozen feet to the roof of an adjoining building. Leaning over the edge, Grantley swung the girls down one by one, and at last he dropped to the roof himself just as the flames burst through the front of the theater roof, and a stream of water drenched him to the skin.

"Close call," he commented as he glanced up and rubbed his aching arms. "I'd like to find the fellows who turned the hose on me."

"It was from the street. They could not see you," explained Nettie. "I'm glad they did it, Dick."

She pointed to the painted tin of the roof, where his wig and beard lay wet and draggled. "It's washed the memory out," she explained. And the light of understanding came into Grantley's eyes as he bent and kissed her white face, to him sweeter than ever in the awakening of love.

English Contempt For Labor.

Contempt for labor is an attitude of mind which is more marked in England than it is in other countries. "It is abominable to have created —— a peer; he was originally a common workman." That is said notwithstanding that Lord —— has remarkable ability, has established an enormous business and controls a body of men far larger than a territorial magnate commanded in feudal times. "The house of commons is detestable now; those Labor members have completely spoiled it." Most of the Labor members have spoken only on subjects concerning which they are experts and have been of great use in making clear to the house important matters which ordinary members are extremely ignorant about. "Society" expresses its contempt for any who have raised themselves from the labor level, but is prepared to enjoy their hospitality and borrow their money. "The county and district councils ought never to have been established; a multitude of common laborers are now in a position to interfere in local matters." Those superior people, the spendthrifts and speculators, alone are fit to associate with, to legislate for the country and to manage municipal affairs.—London Truth.

Eccentric Balzac.

Leon Gozlan used to relate how he met Balzac one day on the Boulevard des Capucines "dying with hunger." The novelist insisted on taking Gozlan to a confectioner who sold macaroni patties. Forgetting his hunger, Balzac plunged into an appreciation of Cooper's "Lake Ontario" (newly appeared). Gozlan noticed that the shop attendant, an English girl, had heard him address Balzac by name and was gazing at the author as though fascinated. She was astounded presently by the appetite of genius for macaroni patties, which disappeared by couples.

"How much do I owe you?" asked Balzac.

"Nothing, M. Balzac," said the English girl firmly.

Balzac was nonplused for a moment; then he pushed his precious copy of "Lake Ontario" into the girl's hands, saying, "I can never sufficiently regret, mademoiselle, that I did not write that book."

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Scholl is a Pittsburg business visitor today.

Miss Minerva Thomas of Pittsburg is visiting friends in Charleroi.

Thomas Hastings is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Felix Roessomme was transacting business in Pittsburg yesterday.

M. M. McDermott spent last evening in Pittsburg with friends.

Mrs. B. D. Blaker is visiting at the home of Anson Chalfant, near Coal Centre today.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomas of New Orleans, La., are in Charleroi spending a few days.

Mrs. Charles Finkbeiner and house guest Miss Elizabeth Rodgers spent Monday in Donora with friends.

Miss Bertha Mussonnie and B. N. John left this morning for New York and will sail for France to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Bailey of Speers, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allman of Millsboro, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kramer have returned home from Philadelphia and Atlantic City where they spent several days.

Miss Mary Carroll of Washington avenue has returned home from a several days visit in Westmoreland and Fayette counties, with friends.

Mrs. R. L. Hormell, Mrs. J. D. Stroud and Mrs. Thos. Richards were over Sunday visitors at the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Weaver of Bentleyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Christopher have returned home from Adah, Ohio, where they attended the funeral of the former's father, Riley Christopher.

Miss Leah Glick of Baltimore, Md., left this morning for her home after spending four months with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lichter of Fallowfield avenue.

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Proposals Wanted.

Sealed proposals will be received by J. K. Boyd, chairman of the building committee for the construction of a proposed brick and stone church building for the United Presbyterian congregation of Monessen, Pa. All proposals are to be delivered on or before 8 o'clock p. m., June 30, 1908. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Drawings and specifications may be seen at the store of Frantz and Boyd, Donnor avenue, Monessen, Pa, or secured at the office of J. A. Lohman, Architect, Barker building, Donnor avenue and Sixth street, Monessen, Pa. 263t3

Notice to Teachers.

School Board of Fallowfield township, Washington county, Pa., will meet at Charleroi bank hall, July 11, 1908, at 1 o'clock sharp to elect 9 teachers for a turn of 7 months. Wages $55 per month. School commences Aug. 31. All teachers must be present on day of election. At this meeting bids will be received for furnishing coal.

259t2-t-w. Wesley Young, Sec'y.

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UNUSUAL RIVER SHIPMENTS BY BELLE VERNON PLANT

An important but very unusual shipment from the Monongahela Valley will be made this week from the American Window Glass Company's works at Belle Vernon The consignment will consist of 8,000 boxes containing 400,000 feet of window glass valued at $16,000. This cargo is consigned to the Campbell Paint and Glass Co., of New Orleans and is the first shipment of the kind ... many years, and if successful others may be made to many other points along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers

This shipment of glass is being made on the River combine's large model barge "No 26" which arrived today from the Donora mills, owned and operated by the United Steel Corporation, which had on board a large consignment of wire and nails also consigned to southern markets and is in itself a very valuable cargo With the additional of $16,000 worth of window glass it will be one of the most important river shipments of miscellaneous products ever moved from the valley at one time W. M. Dravo, superintendent of the American Window glass plant of Belle Vernon said in an interview this morning. "We are making this shipment of window glass from our works at Belle Vernon for a two fold purpose, largely as an experiment first as to safety in shipments in bulk cargoes. We think the loss from breakage will be largely in our favor. Second, the consignment by river will be largely in our favor as to shipping rates and expense ... usually incurred from shipments by rail." If this venture proves successful, Mr. Dravo says that the company expects to ship largely in the future by river to Cincinnati, Louisville, Cairo and St Louis When asked as to what he thought of the "On to Cairo" movement which by canalizing the Ohio river to a ... foot stage of water ... locks and dams Mr Dravo said ... would be very largely in favor of all shipments from Pittsburg and the mills ... of the Monongahela river and who ... the shipment ... river greatly in excess of those of the present time.

WEARY WILLIE TRIO CHASED OUT OF TOWN

With Crippled Hands, Sores Inflamed With Lye, Were Begging.

Three Weary Willies, all young fellows, came to Charleroi yesterday, for the purpose of working this field for what cash they could scare up. ... by the police. After spending a few hours in the city repository they were discharged with the agreement that they would move faster in getting out of town than they ever did in getting in

The three gave their names as John McKeanon, William Young and Henry Kress, the former claiming to have been an engineer, the second named a steel worker and the latter a miner. McKeanor had two fingers from the right hand off and by the use of Red Sea Lye and a grease pad made the wound a terrible looking sight. Kress' left hand was crippled and had been treated in the same manner as his pal's. Young's hand was also fixed up until it seemed that he was suffering great agony.

DIRECTORS MEET AND TALK OVER Y. M. C. A. MATTER

Resolution Regarding Closing Published As Stated At Previous Meeting.

In order to remove any misunderstanding that may have arisen as to the temporary suspension of the Y. M. C. A., a meeting of the Directors ... evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms and the following resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Directors on Friday evening May 29, 1908, was ordered published-

"Motion made by Mr. William Gelder and seconded by Mr Charles Steel, "To close the Y. M. C. A. for an indefinite period and to appoint a committee to attend ... ness of the Association ... the notifying of the Odd Fellows lodge that the Association is through with the use of the building, May 29, 1908. Also to take charge ... pledges and to dispose of the furniture and fixtures belonging to the Association to the best advantage financially."

A rising vote was taken and ... as follows

Favorable—J. K. Johnson, D. McKay, J. W. Cornel, E. J. Charles, William Gelder, Charles Steel and H J Gehring.

Against—Joseph Kenton

The following committee ... a conference with the ... was appointed —J. K. Johnson, Chairman, R. Dale Jones, Charles Steel, J. W. Cornel, William Gelder and H J Gehring

A full statement of the finances was made at last night's meeting. J. K. Johnson and Charles Steele tendered their resignations as members of the board but owing to the meeting not being a regular one were not accepted.

SUES BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD FOR LARGE SUM

The present term of common pleas court is drawing to a close. But one case remains on the list to be tried at this term. That will be taken up this afternoon after which all the jurors not in service will be excused Twelve cases in which the Pennsylvania, Monongahela and Southern Railroad company is the defendant were continued yesterday to the next term

In Judge McIlvaine's court ... on trial the case of G. G. Guthrie and wife against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company an action to recover $50,000 damages for the death of a little son and serious injury to Mrs Guthrie in an accident at the Claysville crossing last summer It was the same accident in which Roy Blaney was killed and for whose death ... Judge McIlvaine's court last week

The case now on trial is expected to be a long and tedious one. Many witnesses are to be examined on each side Attorney T. F. Birch represents the plaintiff and Norman E Clark the defendant company.

The case of Charles Sheafsky against the Borough of Donora, which was taken up in Judge J. F. Taylor's court Friday, was finished yesterday. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,125. This was an action to recover damages for a change of grade in front of two lots ... Sheafsky in Eighth street

The jury in the case of Mrs. Lizzie Caldwell against John L Cockins, guardian of Nancy Guthrie deceased, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for ...

The action was to test the validity of a note alleged given by Miss Guthrie to Mrs Caldwell for maintenance and care The defense was that Miss Guthrie was a weak minded person and incapable of transacting business The trial occupied several days and attracted considerable interest

In motion and rule court the following was an item disposed of. First National Bank of Charleroi, et al. vs Robinson Machine company—Permission granted to settle claim of Robinson Machine company against the Washington Fuel company for $125 clear of all charges

CHARLEROI GIRL TO GO ON STAGE NEXT SEASON

Miss Blanche Babbitt who resigned her position as soprano soloist at the Oakland Methodist Episcopal church, Wilkinsburg, recently has announced her intention of going on the stage next season.

To this end she has gone to New York where she is studying under Carl Brenneman She has been also a pupil of Richard Knotts, of Pittsburg, with whom she studied for three years. Miss Babbitt has a fine voice of great range fitted for light opera in which she expects to be engaged She is but nineteen years of age

The Babbitt family which resided in Charleroi until last summer when they moved to Wilkinsburg. Mr Babbitt, the father of Miss Blanche remaining here however until very recently when they moved to New York The people of Charleroi are glad to know of Miss Babbitt's progress

FIVE FINED FOR SUNDAY FIGHTING

As the result of the wedding and subsequent fight Sunday on Oakland avenue, in which one was cut in the head, several were fined by the burgess last night at a hearing Carl Velliksy, who did the cutting was taxed $5.30 and costs. Steve Springis was fined $3.85 for breaking the Sabbath laws. George Walsanky $5 and costs for fighting; John Rusubt rese, $4 85 for fighting and Constutius Juiszis $3 85 for fighting.

Notice to Contractors

The West Pike Run School Board will receive bids for the erection of a new school house at McGinn's until 6 o'clock, Saturday June 27, 1908. Plans and specifications can be seen at either the President's or Secretarie's office Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of board.

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CLASS DAY EXERCISES AT WASHINGTON

At Washington ... Jefferson ... class day exercises ... the class ... G. Moffitt ... the ... ceremony ... was transferred from the senior class to the coming fourth year students by George M Vashkirs of Washington, spoon orator. Wilbur H Baker of Washington Court House, O., class president, accepted it for the class of 1908 Others on the program were Orator, Delmont Ferree, Pittsburg, smoker, Griffin, Washington, artist Arthur M Hartzell, Washington, prophet, Lawrence D Strouse, Jr Glenshaw, donor, John C Matteson, Washington, and last will and testament Gilpin M. McCain, Kittanning last night in the main college building President James D Moffat and Mrs Moffat held their annual reception

Governor Stuart at Chautauqua

The inhabitants of Western Pennsylvania are greatly interested in the announcement thus made by Chautauqua Institution of the presence of Governor Edwin S. Stuart at Chautauqua on Wednesday, August 12 which is to be called "Pennsylvania Day." The Governor has just given a definite reply to the invitation which was made him some time ago. This week at Chautauqua will be particularly interesting to Pennsylvanians also because on Saturday, August 15, Mayor George W. Guthrie of Pittsburg is to deliver the afternoon address and in the morning Mr. Robert A Woods, head of the South End House of Boston, is to speak upon the "Pittsburg Survey," that interesting investigation of social and industrial conditions in and about Pittsburg of which Mr. Woods has charge.

Among the speakers during the summer will be Dr James D. Moffitt of Washington and Jefferson College

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ROBBED GARDEN NEAR CHARLEROI

The garden of Samuel Riggle near the cemetery grounds ... near ... was ... eight garden truck of all sorts being stolen and the premises being badly torn up

Mr Riggle came to Charleroi this morning and secured the bloodhound O'Hagan to see if anything could be done towards finding the burglars.

Carroll Board Acts.

The Carroll Township school board met last night and did considerable business among which was the extending of the school term from seven to eight months The millage for the year was determined upon, six mills for school and one for building A principal and corps of teachers will be elected at a later meeting.

Notice.

Dr J. A. Peaslee, owing to continued bad health has found it necessary to go to Canada to recuperate Any person or persons indebted to the above are requested to call at the office, 618 Fallowfield avenue and settle at once.

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Mrs. R. P. Claybaugh is spending a few days in Uniontown with her daughter Mrs William Seaton

Surveys Being Made.

Engineers are rapidly progressing with the survey of the route of the Fredericktown, Souther street Railway company, which leads from Finleyville direct south to Waynesburg. The road, which begins at Finleyville, will run through Hackett and Venetia, thence to Muntown, down little Mingo to Hammerer, down Pigeon creek valle to Bentleyville, through Ellsworth, Seever Hill Zollarsville, Clarksville, Jefferson and thence to Waynesburg From Virginia Junction to Bentleyville the road follows the grade of the old Pittsburg Southern railroad, which was surveyed and graded over thirty years ago

To Hold Festival.

The Charleroi Fife and Drum band at a meeting last night elected Felix Rossomine musical director of their organization. The boys will hold a festival Wednesday evening in the Fleming Building Tickets are 15 cents

BROWNSVILLE COLORED MINISTER IN JAIL

Rev. R. Wallace Christian of Brownsville, Connellsville and numerous other places, is now in durance vile again after having given his bondsman a little scare.

At the last term of court in Fayette county Rev Christian entered a plea of nolle contendere with the understanding that he was to appear in court on Monday, June 15, when he was to be called for sentence At this time it was thought that he would get off with the payment of costs

Following the notice to this effect last week, he went to Brownsville, where his actions seem to have alarmed his bondsman. It is said that Christian took his wife with him and on Saturday was in Sharon This didn't look to the bondsman like Wallace was going to be in Uniontown on time When Christian returned to Brownsville he was arrested So Christian spent Sunday in jail. He denies that he was running away, and says he would have been there on time

Christian will be remembered as the colored minister who solicited from the Cochrans at Dawson, and other generous people in other communities, funds to erect an institution at New Haven, for the American Resident and Correspondence Industrial school for colored people Now, he is said to have received several thousand dollars, but as the school building didn't very rapidly materialize the contributors hereto, headed by Tax Collector Thomas Brown of Vanderbilt sued Christian for misapplying the funds In court the matter was partly closed by his entering the nolle contendere

To Visit Europe.

A party composed of Aeneas and William Coulson, George W Hopton of Donora, and James Gilley, of Courtney, will leave June 19 for New York, to take passage the following day for Glasgow, Scotland They have already booked accommodations on the steamship California Their destination is New Castle-on-Tyne They expect to be absent about eight weeks. It is just 29 years since Mr Coulson and Mr. Hopton emigrated to America, although they did not come together

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COMMENCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE NORMAL

The exercises of the commencement week at the California State Normal School, will begin with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, June 21, by Rev W Hamilton Spence, D D., of Uniontown, Pa. At 4 p. m., Monday, Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," will be given in the Normal Chapel by a chorus of 150 voices under the direction of Prof. C S Cornell Seventeen members of the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra will furnish the accompaniment. The soloists are Mrs. Agnes G. Kimble, of Indianapolis, Soprano. Mrs. Edith Harris Scott, of Pittsburg, Contralto; Mr. F W. Cutter, of Pittsburg, Bass, and Mr Alfred Shaw, of Chicago Tenor. On Monday evening, the triennial reunion and banquet of the Alumni Association will take place. Senator W. E. Crow, of Uniontown, is president of the association. The large and fine new dining room of Dixon Hall will be used for the banquet. The Middle Class Play, "The Rivals," will be given on Tuesday forenoon, and the annual contest of the Clionian and Philomathean Literary Societies will occur in the evening. An interesting feature of the contest this year will be the music, furnished by the Cornell Male Chorus of fifty voices. The Commencement will take place Wednesday forenoon and the Class Day exercises Wednesday afternoon.

The year just closing has been the most prosperous in the history of the school. The enrollment of students in the Normal Department is 630 and in the practice Department 440, a total of 1070 students.

The new teachers for the coming year are H. B Davis, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Superintendent of the Model School and professor of Psychology and Pedagogy, John L Randall, of Clinton, Mass., High School, Professor of Science, W. A Barber, Mitchell, S Dak head of Commercial Department and Margaret Craven, California, Pa., Training Teacher in the second grade

The great advantage of the new regulations concerning the entrance of students to the Normal will at once be apparent to those who are well prepared to enter and who do not wish

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OBSTRUCTION IN RIVER RAISED BY SLACKWATER

The U. S Steamer Slackwater yesterday removed the hidden obstruction at Monongahela which has caused some trouble and several accidents to the Coal fleet during the past week, not, however, until the steamer Vulcan had sunk two barges of coal on it while passing down on Sunday. The obstruction was the trunk of a large tree which proved very dangerous to passing boats and had been brought down from some mountain stream during one of the recent floods in the river. Captain Nutt with his force of skilled river men proved themselves equal to the emergency and no more trouble may be looked for at this point.

The coal and barges sunk by the Vulcan, owned by the Jones and Laughlin Co., can be raised without much loss. Capt. Walter Lasey, superintendent for the company will have a force of men at work by tomorrow and the whole removed. What is considered the largest coal haulage system ever installed in the mining district of Pennsylvania is nearing completion at the Jones and Laughlin works, Vesta No 4, at California, and when completed will greatly add to the company's already large shipping capacity.

A meeting of the members of Harbor 25 was held yesterday at Pittsburg and nominations for officers for the ensuing term brought many new names to the front with contestants named for nearly all the officers to be voted on. The nominations were as follows. President J. D Curtis, Thomas Flaherty, first vice president, Franklin Gilmore, G. Byron Foreman, John G. Brittan, second vice president, Walter Sanson, William McNally, secretary, A. R. Mackey, William P. Buttonfield, Lew E. Bradford, chaplain, H J. McGuire, Joseph L. Moore; delegate to national Harbor, A. O. Ackert, T. T. Dunlevy, George W. Gibson; alternate A. R. Mackey, ... trustee, Holmes Harger, J. W. R. Reno. The election will take place at the next regular meeting, June 29. Two new members were taken in, Capt. G. W. Thomas and Albert Haigh. J. M. Grace of the steamer Volunteer was reported sick at his home in Bellevue.

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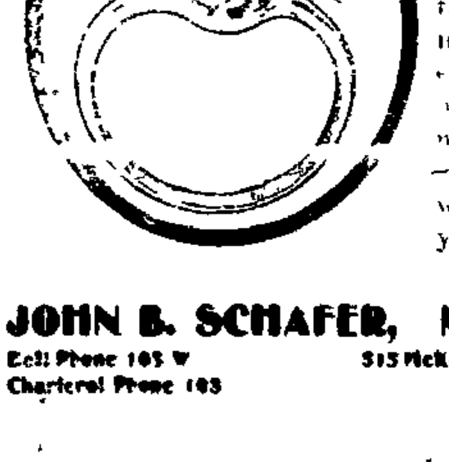
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June 16 In History.

1815—Napoleon defeated Blucher at Ligny, and the allies defeated Ney at Quatre Bras, both preliminary to Waterloo.

1900—Prince de Joinville, son of King Louis Philippe of France, who for a time served in the Army of the Potomac on the staff of General McClellan, died; born 1818.

1907—Russian duma dissolved by edict of the crown; 700 political arrests in St. Petersburg.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 7:29, rises 4:24; moon rises 9:52 p. m.; moon's age 18 days; 4:48 p. m., moon at perigee, nearest earth; 8 a. m., planets Mercury and Mars in conjunction, possibly seen meeting western horizon together at twilight tonight.

Shorten The Telescope.

It is strange how long sighted many people are. They can see destitution, misery, famine, in India, in China and in Africa, and if their statements are to be believed their hearts bleed at a recital of the stories of the conditions obtaining in those countries. But they cannot or will not see the same conditions right at their doors and they have neither alms nor pity for those distressed near their homes.

That is precisely the manner in which the Washington and Canonsburg papers view the liquor traffic in Washington county. For unless "common report is a common liar" there is more liquor sold in Washington than in any of the river towns. Much people affirm that.

There is a drug store in Washington for about every three hundred people, a ridiculous proportion, and people do not hesitate to say that many of them are blind tigers, speak easies, pigs ears or whatever term you wish to apply to a place where liquor is illegitimately sold. Yet with these things right under their noses those papers overlook them and rail and rave the sale of liquor under legal conditions in the river towns.

There is a proverb about sweeping off your own doorstep, that would apply to those papers. Were they inspired by sincerity to abate the sale of liquor they would turn their attention first to the places right under their own eyes. But those papers are not sincere, neither have they any motives above personal and political spite a clear instance of which was the attack upon some hotels along the river while others were not included.

Those paper may undecieve themselves. The voters of Washington county fully understand the mean motives behind the sudden change of heart about the sale of liquor which those papers are pretending to have had and will prove it in November.

The Courts and the District Attorney have a fine chance to do splendid service in the cause of temperance by making war upon the "drug stores" in Washington and their course will be watched with interest by many people.

Unfair Representation.

Secretary Taft will probably be the candidate for President upon the Republican ticket. But he will owe his nomination to the grossly unfair system of selecting delegates in the Southern States, which permits a delegate to be chosen who, in many instances, does not have two hundred Republican votes behind him. In fact in South Carolina and in Mississippi the delegates do not have one hundred and seventy-five votes on an average. To permit a State that does not cast as many votes for a Republican ticket as are cast in the Twenty-fourth Congressional District to send twenty-four delegates to a national convention is not only grossly unfair but has been the reason for some of the most unfragrant episodes in the party's history.

The unfair representation, has on several occasions been the means that thwarted the will of the great Republican States and caused to be nominated men whom the Republicans did not want notably Hayes, Garfield and Harrison.

The late Senator Quay tried twelve years ago to have the delegates from the south based upon the actual number of votes cast but did not succeed. Congressman Burke, of Pittsburg has renewed the fight and it is to be hoped will succeed, as no fair-minded man could object to having the national delegates selected upon the same system as state delegates are to state conventions, that is, based upon the actual number of votes cast.

Has No Denial

The Washington Observer has not denied the truth of the following questions printed in The Mail a short time ago. It may have overlooked them in its rush to unfurl its Standard of Spite so they are printed again:

1—Will it deny that it has entered into a pact with the Democrats whereby it will support the Democratic candidates for the Legislature if in return they will support an "independent" Republican of New Castle for Congress in place of Carl Gibson, "invalid?"

2—Will it deny that Mr. Gibson's "health" became shattered in compliance with such pact?

3—Will it deny that one provision of that pact is that, if elected, the Democratic candidates for the Legislature are to vote for an "independent" Republican for United States Senator in place of Penrose?

4—Will it deny that its attack upon the Republican county convention and its platform was part of the pact?

5—Will it deny that it is responsible for and paid part of the expenses incurred by the men going to Harrisburg to secure a place on the ballot for the "Majority Party?"

6—Will it deny that its attack upon some of the hotels in the Monongahela valley was part of that pact?

The Observer is very adroit in sidestepping, matters not to its taste, but long before this campaign closes it is going to be made to see what a small figure it cuts with the voters of this county, a large majority of whom it stigmatizes as bums and boodlers.

Great Temerity.

Evidently the Republican State Delegation at Chicago rushed blindly into disaster when it selected Senator Penrose by an unanimous vote as a member of the National committee and chairman of the State delegation. Had those men but known that the Canonsburg Notes and the Washington Observer were "agin" Senator Penrose they would not have had the temerity to push him into such prominent places.

But the mischief has been done and the poor, little Republican party in Pennsylvania must suffer from the consequences as the two papers will now take the offensive and proceed to rend the party into bits.

It is said to contemplate and "if you have tears prepare to shed them now."

Not Fatal.

An "undigested dictionary" in a person's system does no particular harm but a case of drugstoreitis that greatly afflicts some of the editors in Washington borough makes a hurry call for mental ambulance imperative.

THE COUNTRY BANKER.

His Influence on National Finance During Crop Harvesting.

Enter the small town for almost any purpose—to sell books, to seek a location, to look up land titles, to write life insurance, to get a news story, to collect a debt—and early in your visit you will go to the ornate, imposing building on the corner of the two busiest streets. You will pass a lattice crowned counter and be admitted to a room large enough only to hold a desk and two chairs. There you will come face to face with the town's financier, the Pierpont Morgan of the community, the banker. Not an enterprise, not a considerable business undertaking, is started without consultation with him. The man who sells a farm and wishes to put his money where it will earn interest goes to the banker. The widow with a few thousand dollars of life insurance—more money than she ever saw together in all her life before—asks the banker how to invest it. It would be better if more of this class would take the banker's advice when it is given. Then there is the merchant who owes for a large portion of his goods. He comes nervously asking if the bank will "see him through" the dull season. The banker gives assent to one, explains to another, refuses a third and comes at last to read unconsciously the business record of every man he [illegible].

The country banker exerts his greatest influence on national finance during the crop harvesting season. Whether it be in the gathering of fruit in California, of cotton in the south or of wheat in the plains region, the banker comes in direct touch with the worker. Take the wheat harvest as covering the widest area and creating the most intense demand during its existence. In a single state 20,000 harvesters are needed besides those already at work on the farms. Through the labor bureaus and railway departments whole train loads of workers are secured from states at a distance. These helpers are mostly itinerants, and they have no local standing. A grain raiser went among his laborers one Saturday night and, asking their names, proceeded to make out checks for the week's work.

"What shall we do with them?" asked one.

"Cash them at the bank, of course."

"Who will identify us?"

The employer saw the point, tore up the checks and secured currency with which to pay the men. That made a demand on the bank. Scores of other farmers were doing the same thing. Hundreds of other communities did it. The result is that the country bankers draw millions of dollars from the "reserve centers" every harvest and to some degree change national financial currents thereby.—C. M. Harger in Atlantic Monthly.

Helping the Postoffice.

"It is surprising," said a postoffice employee, "how many people there are who think they know better than the postal authorities the most direct way for a letter to reach its destination. It is quite common for us to handle mail that has instructions in regard to speedy delivery written in one corner of the envelope. Not only are we directed to send domestic mail by a certain railroad or steamboat line, but the route by which the writers wish foreign bound letters to travel is also designated. These instructions frequently denote a lamentable ignorance of transportation facilities on the part of the writers. If they were obeyed the delivery of the letters would be delayed rather than expedited. Fortunately such directions are disregarded by the postal authorities unless they happen to coincide with the government's arrangements for handling mail, so nobody is inconvenienced except the clerks who read the unnecessary advice."—New York Sun.

Mother

At a mothers' meeting a young woman recounted with some pride a number of proverbs about mothers.

"'It's easier for a poor mother to keep seven children than for seven children to keep a mother.' That sad and striking proverb," she said, "is from the Swiss.

"'A mother's love is new every day.' 'He who will not mind his mother will some day have to mind the jailer.' 'Better lose a rich father than a poor mother.' 'A father's love is only knee deep, but a mother's reaches to the heart.' Those proverbs are all German.

"The Hindoos say poetically, 'Mother mine, ever mine, whether I be rich or poor.'

"The Venetians say: 'Mother! He who has one calls her. He who has none misses her.'

"The Bohemians say, 'A mother's hand is soft even when it strikes.'

"The Lithuanians say, 'Mother means martyr.'"

Novelty In Cement Wall.

There is a wall of cement in Los Angeles which shores up one side of a building lot that has an artistic value never intended by the builder. He had moved his bags of cement on to the ground to be ready for work and was then called away on some other job for a day or two. In the meantime one of the very infrequent rains came on, and each sack turned into stone under the action of the water, and the fabric of the sacks themselves was absorbed into the cement so that it was impossible to remove it. Consequently each sack was wrought into the wall as if it had been a bowlder on the line of an old stone wall. They were then chinked and bound together with mortar and [illegible] the weather disposed of the gunny sacking, but left the blocks marked with the impress of the weave. The result is a highly ornamental cement wall, resembling at a little distance a wall of some woven material.

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Yesterday's Results.

All games postponed, Rain.

Games Today

Uniontown at Charleroi
Scottdale at Connellsville
Fairmont at Clarksburg

HORSES ARE FOUND MILES FROM HOME

The two horses belonging to John Herrons, the Speers mail carrier were found on Saturday evening about seven miles from home on the Malden road. It is thought that the burglars turned them loose near the place they were found.

Porch social at residence of W. C. Clark, 411 Meadow avenue, by ladies of First Presbyterian church Thursday evening. All are cordially invited. 26t2

Mr. John Riha, of Vining, Ja., says, "I have been selling DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills for about a year and they give better satisfaction than any pill ever sold." Sold by Piper Bros. end

How to Guess any Number.

Desire one of the company to think of any number she chooses, provided it be even. Tell her to triple it, halve the product, triple this half and then tell you how many times nine will go into this last number. Multiply this by two and it will produce the original number. Thus suppose 4 to be the number thought of. You triple it, making it 12; halve this product, leaving 6; again triple this product, which is 18, which 9 will go twice. The latter, multiplied by 2, gives you 4, the number thought of. Or, to give another example, suppose 6 to be the number. Triple it, 18; halve this, 9; triple it again, 27. You ask how many times 9 will go into the result and, being told three times, multiply 3 by 2, and the answer is 6.

On What Their Fate Depended.

During the week certain members of the Scotch minister's flock had been paying overmuch attention to sampling the local whisky, and the minister took advantage of his position in the pulpit to administer gentle reproof. "An' I tell ye, one an' all, ye're on the way to perdition!" he cried. At that moment a fly settled on the Bible before him. He raised his fist. "Ye're gaein' tae hell!" he shouted. "An' ye'll all get there, just sae sure as—sae sure as I ding the life out o' this dee!" His fist crashed down as he uttered the words. Then he looked to see the result of his handiwork. "Missed," he ejaculated. "Ah, weel, maybe there's a chance for some o' ye yet!"—London Bellman.

The Wrestler's Pride.

In olden times a wrestler who had won a belt used to go to his village church on the following Sunday wearing the belt. On the Sunday following that he went to some neighboring church in his belt and claimed precedence over the other young fellows. Nearly all the champions were men great in girth and weight. Old Steadman, accounted by many the most powerful wrestler ever known, was twenty stone weight.—Manchester Guardian.

How the Dutch Eat.

A Dutch meal is always reminiscent of a game of cards, for the mother deals out all round the table, and when that first hand is played out she deals afresh, and so on until the dish is empty. There is no promiscuous serving, as with us, and the quick feeder (if such a person could exist in leisurely Holland) reaps no advantage. If meals are to be likened to games of cards, our meals in Dutch eyes must look like games of "grab."—London Queen.

Where Red Hair Is Disliked.

In Cornwall, particularly the Land's End district, it is not advisable to dub a person "a red haired Dane," though in most parts of England, especially inland, the expression would as likely as not provoke no comment at all or be regarded as simply frivolous.

At a police court case heard in 1867 at Penzance town hall it came out in evidence that the defendant had called the complainant "a red haired Dane," and this led to an assault. The strong repugnance of Cornishmen to be dubbed by this strange appellation is as strong as ever.

The Celtic nations hated the Danes and were always fighting them. And not only in Cornwall, but also all along [illegible] men made their ravages, this deep rooted prejudice against people with red hair, "red headed," more or less remains ingrained in the national character.—J. Harris Stone in "The England Illustrated."

COMMENCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE NORMAL

(Continued from first page)

to be classified with students of less ability and different aims. The entire energies of the Normal School will hereafter be concentrated on the training of teachers. The excellent work done in vocal and instrumental music, and in commercial branches will also be dominated by the needs of teachers. The fall term will begin September 7, 1908.

A Telephone Vice.

Since the telephone in one form or another is destined to almost universal use, and even now to be found in nearly every business establishment and in a large proportions of residences, some attention should be paid to the use of that instrument.

It is the common impression that everybody who can talk and hear can use the telephone. In a sense that is true. But, in this matter, as in nearly every other act, there is a [illegible]

As telephones are usually located in the household and in most business places where others can hear what one of the parties is saying, they can become a source of great confusion and exasperation if the user falls into the error of supposing that it is necessary for him to raise his voice to be heard at the other end of line, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. Some are so foolish as even to yell at the transmitter, and as that confuses the sound waves the listner wants a sentence repeated then the speaker, instead of lowering his voice, yells still louder, under the impression that more sound is needed.

All this should be obvious to every intelligent person who gives a minute's thought to it; but as a matter of fact, men, and sometimes women, will go on yelling and screaming into telephones right along, never stopping to inquire if there is not a better way.

What is needed at the transmitter is a low tone of voice and distinct enunciation. There are persons who speak so low, with their lips close to the mouth diaphragm, that another in the same room are not more than six feet away, can not understand what they are saying.

The art of doing this can be acquired, but not without thought and some effort at self-suppression. In view of the general use of the telephone and its approximate universality some attention should be given to this matter in the training of children and young people. It doesn't belong to schools, however. They have too many studies that do not belong to them on their hands now, and elimination rather than accumulation is what is demanded in them.

But the patrons and employers could do much towards inducing young persons and others to acquire the correct telephone habit. The telephone companies themselves also could do something by issuing print of suggestions and instructions for the benefit of their subscribers.



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NANNIE'S PICTURE.

By BAYARD TRUSTON.

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"She's coming tomorrow," announced Billy Singleton. Tom Harvard smiled. "She" could be none other than his "picture girl," as he had learned to call her, and ever since he had arrived at Glenoak, Harvard had been lost in day dreams, in which "the picture girl" was ever the central figure.

It was Harvard's first visit to the Singleton place, named Glenoak, and for the first time he had seen the results of Mrs. Singleton's artistic skill with a camera.

That hospitable matron had more than a passing fad for photography and in a well equipped studio in the back yard had turned out many prize winning pictures. The most successful had been of "the picture girl," otherwise Nannie Prescott, Mrs. Singleton's niece.

It had been taken some years before and showed a child with a soul that shone through the thick lashed eyes. [illegible] molding of the chin, the perfect oval of the face and the high white brow all combined to make a picture almost perfect, yet Harvard seemed to see only the eyes, with their inscrutable questioning of the life just beginning to unfold.

Singleton had surprised Harvard before the picture half a dozen times, and Harvard [illegible] at the jests his chum [illegible]. Mrs. Singleton's assurance that the original now looked vastly different from the [illegible] of the picture did not abate his interest in the [illegible] point.

"Now she has a scrumptious fondness for pickled pig's feet," went on Singleton, lest Harvard's joy should grow too great. "You never saw an [illegible] with an appetite, did you, Tom?"

He [illegible] the book Harvard threw at his head and stepped out through the French windows on to the porch, still chuckling over the fun he anticipated.

It was Singleton who drove to the station to meet Miss Prescott and who



"I'LL HAVE IT EASIER IN A JIFFY," DECLARED HARVARD.

basely betrayed Harvard's passion to the girl who shared his seat in the dogcart.

"It's not you," explained Singleton, with brutal frankness; "it's the picture that he's in love with. I'll bet when he sees what a plump and husky person you've grown to be he'll decide to stick to the picture."

There was much more to the same effect, and so it came to pass that when the introduction was accomplished on the Singleton porch and Harvard guarded his expression from any betraying glance of gratification Miss Prescott decided that this man who loved her picture and was disappointed in the original was a very unpleasant person whose presence at Glenoak would make her vacation a miserable one indeed.

Mrs. Singleton endeavored tactfully to counteract the effect of her son's disclosures, but Nannie resented even this well meant effort. It was intolerable to her that they should suppose she cared in the least what Mr. Harvard thought of her.

If he was disappointed that the angles of fourteen had rounded into the curves of nineteen it was no concern of hers, and to show how little she cared she devoted herself industriously to snubbing poor Harvard at every possible opportunity.

And Harvard, manlike, suffered keenly from the treatment and went about saying savage things to and of Billy, and he looked no more than he could help either at the picture or Miss Prescott herself.

So matters continued for nearly a month, when a business letter gave Harvard a welcome excuse for quitting the field of defeat. He had longed to retire, but he would not retreat ignominiously and without excuse.

[illegible] house without being detected by his watchful chum and made his way toward a glen from which Glenoak took its name. He would have a farewell quiet hour. It was a favorite resort of [illegible] toward the falls at the head of the glen.

He was nearly at the falls when a flutter of white caught his eye. He half turned to retrace his steps, for he had recognized Nannie, and he was not minded to have his last day of vacation made more bitter by the girl's sharp speeches. But as he turned she called his name, and he hurried forward.

"I'm sorry to bother you," she said, half defiantly, half in appeal. "I slipped on the wet rocks and I have sprained my ankle."

"How long have you been here?" he demanded. "You were not at lunch."

"It was hours ago," she said, with a wan little smile. "I came about 11, I guess, and it was not long after that I slipped."

With a word of sympathy Harvard knelt to examine the injured member. Already the swelling was great, and the girl had felt too faint to remove the stout shoe she wore. With tender hands Harvard cut the laces, and Nannie gave a sigh of relief as the shoe was slipped off.

"I'll have it easier in a jiffy," declared Harvard, slipping off his coat and with his knife cutting out the sleeve of his shirt for a bandage. "A little cold water will help the fever until we can get back to the house."

"I suppose you'll have to go for [illegible] being left alone again terrified her.

"Help! Not a bit of it," declared Harvard. "It's a short mile to the house. I can carry you easily with an occasional rest. Even with the rest it will not be as long as though I were to go back to the house for assistance."

"But you said I was so fat," reminded Nannie.

Harvard looked up with sudden interest.

"And may I ask who told you that?" he asked. "It was Billy," he added as he saw the girl's confusion. "I dare say that Billy has been crediting me with all sorts of nonsensical and uncomplimentary remarks."

"He only said you—you were disappointed," she declared, "and some little things like that."

"I don't call that a 'little thing' at all," insisted Harvard, "and, moreover, I never said it."

"But you frowned the moment you saw me," reminded Nannie. "You did, because I was watching you."

"Then it was a matter of interest to you what my opinion might be?" he asked. "I thought you had said that you did not care."

"Billy told you that?" she asked meaningly. Harvard nodded.

"You see," she went on, "that miserable picture has been my Nemesis. I was a little slip of a girl, and just after Aunt Bess made that picture I began to grow—to stretch up and out, as Billy expressed it. For the last four years people have been commenting upon my changed appearance until I have grown to loathe the very sight of the dreadful photograph."

"Do you know," said Harvard reflectively, "I never noticed whether you were plump or slender in the picture."

"You must have," insisted Nannie. "Don't be afraid to confess. It's all right. I guess I'm getting hardened to comment."

"But I really didn't," insisted Harvard. "I saw only the eyes, with their glorious promise of womanhood. In them I am not disappointed. For the rest I made no comparisons, and—you are perfect as you are."

The girl's eyes glowed with pleasure, but her voice was cool and even as she spoke.

"Billy says that they are pop eyes," she said reminiscently. "Do you think they are?"

"They are the most beautiful eyes in the world," declared Harvard fervently. "They are more beautiful than in the picture. Nannie, dear, can't we stop playing at cross purposes? I loved you before I even saw you. I loved the woman these eyes told me you would be, but they did not tell half the truth. I don't care about the picture—now—but may I have the original, dear?"

And so "the picture girl" was won.

Our Oldest Permanent City.

Albany, capital of the great Empire State, claims to be the oldest permanent settlement within the limits of our thirteen colonies, but has greater historical significance on account of its strategic importance during the century of conflict between the English and French in America and in the American Revolution. In 1524 Verrazzano, a French navigator, sailed up the Hudson, and about 1540 a French trading post was set up near the present site of Albany. The continuous history of the place dates from the discovery of these regions by Henry Hudson in 1609, who was followed by Dutch traders, who in 1614 established a trading station on Castle island under the name of Fort Nassau. In 1664, after the transfer of New Netherlands to the English, the name of Albany was given to the settlement in honor of the Duke of York and Albany, afterward James II.—Leslie's Weekly.

Curing a Fish.

A curious experiment was tried a short time ago to determine the brain power of the pike. One of these voracious fish was placed in a tank with some minnows with glass partitions separating the one from the other. The pike for three months made fruitless attempts to catch the minnows, repeatedly dashing its nose against the glass. At last, having come to the conclusion that its efforts were useless, it finally discontinued them. The glass was then removed, but the [illegible] firmly established in the pike became disestablished, for it never afterward attacked the minnows, [illegible] it fed voraciously on all other kinds of fish.—London Telegraph.

The Waist Came Back.

"The other day I hung my [illegible] waist out on the line at the [illegible] window," said the flat dweller. "[illegible] washed it. Then I forgot all about it, and when I went to look for it [illegible] days later it was gone. I rushed frantically down to the janitress, and [illegible] climbed together over the coal [illegible] area to look for the waist. I [illegible] deeply. It was a beautiful waist [illegible] couldn't find it. The janitor from the next house and [illegible] help look, but there was nothing doing. [illegible] came sadly in at the window back [illegible] the coal and ascended to my [illegible] story flat.

"The next day I looked in the [illegible] er of my chiffonier and found the [illegible] there. Say anything to the janitress? Well, I reckon not."—New York [illegible]

The Proof of the Puddin[g]

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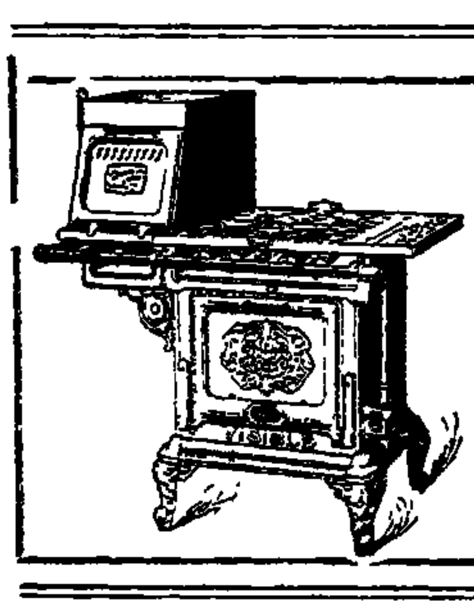
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Changing First Impressions.

By LULU JOHNSON.

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Until Nettie joined the Moonlight Maiden company Dick Grantley had never given a derogatory thought to his padded stomach and his chin beard. They were simply parts of his funny makeup, like the great grease paint and the long haired wig which completed his resemblance to the German character type found only upon the stage.

In fact, Grantley had been rather proud of his makeup. There were certain little tricks and artifices which the other comedians did not seem to know and which completed his ludicrous appearance. Grantley rarely left the dressing room without taking a self satisfied glance at himself in the mirror.

But Nettie's coming had changed all that. A score of chorus girls had come and gone since the company had opened, and their presence or absence had not affected Grantley at all. As the comedian he was not called for the rehearsals held for the benefit of the new girls. The stage manager drilled them in their songs and dances, and it was not always that Grantley noted a new face in the chorus ranks.

But Nettie Hayden was different from the rest. She was an ambitious girl with a desire to take her place some day among the principals. Her fresh young voice rang true to key, and she did not go through her work with the mechanical dullness displayed by the other girls. Grantley, coming on the stage for his first entrance, glanced up and down the chorus line to discover the identity of the girl whose clear soprano held the others together.

As they were waiting for the next big entrance Grantley spoke to Nettie. He uttered only a few words of self introduction and a kindly remark in praise of her voice, but in so doing he stammered like a schoolboy, glad that the heavy coat of paint hid his blushes. Even in that first moment he had fallen in love, and love was a new sensation to the comedian.

Nettie smiled her thanks and then rushed off with the other girls, leaving Grantley to follow more slowly, as his part demanded.

Even the other members of the cast who usually were intent only upon their own work, noticed that Grantley tonight was exerting himself to do his best, and various were the speculations as to the cause. Perhaps he had a friend "out front." This was the easiest and therefore the accepted solution.

But Grantley knew he was playing to the new chorus girl, while Nettie was spending every moment she could spare from her changes of costume in watching the show that she never would see in its entirety. Once or twice a suppressed laugh from the wings meant more to Grantley than the roar of applause from the audience, and as they were all waiting for the last act curtain he turned to the new girl.

"What do you think of the show?" he demanded.

"It's splendid," was the enthusiastic response. "I think you ought to be on Broadway with a theater of your own."

"Thinking that has spoiled a lot of good men," answered Grantley, with a shake of the head, but he was none the less pleased with her praise, and there was a warm glow about his heart the rest of the evening.

After that Grantley saw much of "the newest girl," as the others called her. There were several moments in the play when they stood on the same side of the stage waiting for cues, and it was always to Nettie that Grantley directed his conversation, though the other actors crowded around, enjoying the fun. Grantley, for all he headed a cheap company, was a comedian at heart as well as by training, and he could give a humorous twist to the most serious of statements.

Though they became fast friends weeks passed before Grantley put his fate to test. They were making a long railroad jump, and Grantley, passing through the day coach given over to the chorus, dropped into the seat beside Nettie, whose chum, Bessie Nevins, was restlessly pacing the aisle.

"It's a funny place for a proposal," he said abruptly, "but there is such a racket in the car that no one can hear what the others are saying. Besides, you won't give a fellow a chance to catch you without that everlasting Bessie Nevins along. I love you, Nettie, and I want you to marry me. Will you, dear?"

The girl's face grew troubled, and she put her hand upon his for an instant.

"I'm sorry you asked me," she said softly. "I am sorry to hurt you. It was for that reason that I—that I have stuck so close to Bessie."

"Then you don't care?" he demanded.

"In a way, yes," she began. "But I am sensitive to first impressions, and somehow I can't look at you without recalling that property stomach and the absurd chin whiskers. You have been awfully good, but—oh, I can't love—a—funny man."

"But I didn't suppose you thought I was always a fool. Look at that foolish house right there on top of that hill. Think what it must mean to live there all winter. It's all right in the summer time; but, oh—oh—in the winter time!"

Nettie glanced at him quickly. She could not understand his abrupt change of subject, and she concluded that she had not hurt him very much, since he so soon forgot, which was exactly Grantley's purpose. But from that moment he hated the padded stomach and the false hair which were his bread and butter.

He made no attempt to reopen the discussion, and the weeks went past rapidly with no apparent change in their friendly relations. Nettie did not dream that beneath his fun Grantley nursed the sorrow she had caused and that only in the watches of the night did he give way to feelings none the less poignant because so successfully concealed.

Then came the lesson the girl needed. They were playing a small theater in a week of one night stands. At the matinee some gas tanks used for color effects thrown up from beneath the stage in the last act exploded as the operator tried to start them up. He was the company's electrician and unaccustomed to handling calcium lights. An incorrect mixture of the gases, followed by a momentary panic of the man, and the damage was done. Flames burst through the traps to the stage, the dust on the fireproofed scenery carried the fire to the rigging aloft, and the place was ablaze. It only remained for the stage hands to drop the fire curtain, cut the skylight ropes and then make for safety.

Once the skylights were opened the draft drew the flames up to the roof and away from the auditorium, but, though this saved the audience, it meant death for the girls who were dressing on the top floor. The small theater was insufficiently supplied with dressing rooms, and the chorus was actually [illegible] the auditorium, usually given over to the storage of odds and ends. When the skylights opened they were trapped.

With no thought for himself Grantley sped up the narrow iron stairway leading to the loft. Behind him the stage was a mass of flames. So he drove back the few girls who were trying to make their way down the stairs. Most of the chorus were too terrified to attempt to escape, but as Grantley burst into the room they rose to them [illegible] with hysteria.

"The roof's the only chance," cried Grantley as he pointed to the iron ladder leading to the skylight. "Until the flames spread there is safety in the front of the building. Hurry up, girls."

He drove them up the narrow passageway, and as he stood at the foot of the ladder he encouraged them with his voice, relieving the tension by joking. He was the last through the skylight, and it was Nettie who helped him through.

Already the rear of the roof was blazing, but the front was still safe, and on one side there was a drop of a dozen feet to the roof of an adjoining building. Leaning over the edge, Grantley swung the girls down one by one, and at last he dropped to the roof himself just as the flames burst through the front of the theater roof and a stream of water drenched him to the skin.

"Close call," he commented as he glanced up and rubbed his aching arms. "I'd like to find the fellows who turned the hose on me."

"It was from the street. They could not see you," explained Nettie. "I'm glad they did it, Dick."

She pointed to the painted tin of the roof where his wig and beard lay wet and draggled. "It's washed the memory out," she explained. And the light of understanding came into Grantley's eyes as he bent and kissed her white face, to him sweeter than ever in the awakening of love.

English Contempt For Labor.

Contempt for labor is an attitude of mind which is more marked in England than it is in other countries. "It is abominable to have created —— a peer, he was originally a common workman." That is said notwithstanding that Lord —— has remarkable ability, has established an enormous business and controls a body of men far larger than a territorial magnate commanded in feudal times. "The house of commons is detestable now; those Labor members have completely spoiled it." Most of the Labor members have spoken only on subjects concerning which they are experts and have been of great use in making clear to the house important matters which ordinary members are extremely ignorant about. "Society" expresses its contempt for any who have raised themselves from the labor level, but is prepared to enjoy their hospitality and borrow their money. "The county and district councils ought never to have been established, a multitude of common laborers are now in a position to interfere in local matters." Those superior people, the spendthrifts and speculators, alone are fit to associate with, to legislate for the country and to manage municipal affairs.—London Truth.

Eccentric Balzac.

Leon Gozlan used to relate how he met Balzac one day on the Boulevard des Capucines "dying with hunger." The novelist insisted on taking Gozlan to a confectioner who sold macaroni patties. Forgetting his hunger Balzac plunged into an appreciation of Cooper's "Lake Ontario" (newly appeared). Gozlan noticed that the shop attendant, an English girl, had heard him address Balzac by name and was gazing at the author as though fascinated. She was astounded presently by the appetite of genius for macaroni patties which disappeared by couples.

"How much do I owe you?" asked Balzac.

"Nothing, M. Balzac," said the English girl firmly.

Balzac was nonplused for a moment; then he pushed his precious copy of "Lake Ontario" into the girl's hands, saying, "I can never sufficiently regret, mademoiselle, that I did not write that book."

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Schon is a Pittsburg business visitor today.

Miss Minerva Thomas of Pittsburg is visiting friends in Charleroi.

Thomas Hastings is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Felix Rossomme was transacting business in Pittsburg yesterday.

M. M. McDermott spent last evening in Pittsburg with friends.

Mrs. B. D. Blaker is visiting at the home of Anson Chalfant, near Coal Centre today.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomas of New Orleans, La., are in Charleroi spending a few days.

Mrs. Charles Finkbeiner and house guest Miss Elizabeth Rodgers spent Monday in Donora with friends.

Miss Bertha Mussonnie and B. N. John left this morning for New York and will sail for France to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of Speers, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allman of Millsboro, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kramer have returned home from Philadelphia and Atlantic City where they spent several days.

Miss Mary Carroll of Washington avenue has returned home from a several days visit in Westmoreland and Fayette counties, with friends.

Mrs. R. L. Hormell, Mrs. J. D. Stroud and Mrs. Thos. Richards were over Sunday visitors at the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Weaver of Bentleyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Christopher have returned home from Ada, Ohio, where they attended the funeral of the former's father, Riley Christopher.

Miss Lear Glick of Baltimore, Md., left this morning for her home after spending four months with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph [illegible] of Fallowfield ave.

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Drawings and specifications may be seen at the store of Frantz and Boyd, Donnor avenue, Monessen, Pa, or secured at the office of J. A. Lohman, Architect, Barker building, Donnor avenue and Sixth street, Monessen, Pa. 263t3

Notice to Teachers.

School Board of Fallowfield township, Washington county, Pa., will meet at Charleroi bank hall, July 11, 1908, at 1 o'clock sharp to elect 9 teachers for a turn of 7 months. Wages $55 per month. School commences Aug. 31. All teachers must be present on day of election. At this meeting bids will be received for furnishing coal.

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